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RE: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Quarterly Progress Report
Malibu Civic Center Wastewater Treatment Plan

Dear Deborah:

The following is the quarterly progress report for the Malibu Civic Center Wastewater Treatment Plan, which covers work activities performed on this project during the period between April 1, 2018 and June 30, 2018. To date, the City continues to make progress on all MOU Milestone requirements.

Below is a list of work activities performed during the last quarter:

- Finalized the construction work to construct the facility's treatment plant, pipeline collection and reclaimed water systems, sewage pump stations, and the injection well systems.
- The City's treatment plant operator, IPC, Inc., and treatment plant contractor began the process of starting up the Civic Center Wastewater Treatment Facility.
- The City's water quality monitoring consultant, Rincon Consultants, continues to collect baseline background data for the project's Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Programs.
- Staff continues to provide regular updates of the project to the City Council.
- Informed the RWQCB a letter indicating the City's intention to connect properties within the Phase Two boundaries to the Civic Center Wastewater Treatment Facility.

During this last quarter, the Malibu Civic Center Wastewater Treatment Facilities Project – Phase One began the process of starting up the treatment plant. Activated sludge was delivered to the project to begin the startup phase of the project. The City's treatment plant operator and the treatment plant contractor began treating the wastewater from the Malibu Colony Plaza during the startup. Approximately 20,000 gallons per day was treated during the startup phase. Minor corrections to the mechanical equipment and communication systems were made to ensure the



system is working optimally. The City's treatment plant operator and treatment plant contractor began the performance testing of all the major equipment.

During this last quarter, the pipelines and pump stations contractor finalized the installation of the collection system and the recycled water system. Legacy Park Pump Station completed its clear-water pump testing and is now ready to accept wastewater. The pipelines and pump stations contractor continued to work on installing recycled water services, final paving of the streets, and began the process of starting up the Bluff's Park Pump Station.

The City continues to implement the groundwater and surface water monitoring programs as required by the project permits. The second quarter 2018 water monitoring report was recently completed and submitted to the RWQCB. Staff continues to also hold regular meetings with stakeholders, the City's Public Works Commission, and the City Council, as needed, to keep them informed of the progress of the project. On June 29, 2018, the City sent a letter informing the RWQCB that the City intends to connect the properties included in the Phase Two boundaries to the Civic Center Wastewater Treatment Facility. The City has been exploring different funding options for Phase Two properties.

As you can see, the City is still committed to working with the community and the State and Regional Water Boards in a diligent effort towards the completion of the wastewater treatment facility for the Civic Center area. The City also recognizes and appreciates the Regional Board's help and cooperation with revising the MOU Phase 1, 2 and 3 milestone dates. Although the City still faces a monumental task in completing this project within the Regional Board's revised MOU completion dates, we are very proud of the work we have accomplished thus far, and are fully committed to cooperatively working with the State and Regional Water Boards in making every effort to complete this highly complex and very expensive wastewater project within the time allowed.

If you have any questions, or require additional clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me at (310) 456-2489, extension 339, or rduboux@malibucity.org.

Sincerely,



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